

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 12, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 109, HB 140, HB 153, HB 171
(1/6/99), HB 179, 1/5/1999
Executive Action: HB 179, HB 171, HB 109, HB 140

HEARING ON HB 109

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Speaker Mercer, HD 74, introduced HB 109.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Joe Mazurek, Attorney General

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Jim Oppendahl, Administrator of Gambling Control Division, Dept. of Justice. **EXHIBIT**(buh08a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 123 - 237}

Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 237 - 420}

Jerry Driscoll, Montana Independent Machine Operators

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 420 - 454}

Rhonda Alexander, Video Gaming Operators

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 454 - 469}

Dennis Casey, Ex. Director Montana Gaming Assn

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 469 - 477}

Ronda Carpenter, Montana Coin Machine Operators

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 477 - 500}

Mick Robinson, Governor's Office

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 9}

Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9 - 22}

Ellen Angsted, Don't Gamble with the Future **EXHIBIT**(buh08a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 94}

Opponents' Testimony:

Billie Waddell, Montana Assn. of Churches **EXHIBIT**(buh08a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 94 - 222}

Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 222 - 260}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Krenzler, Lawson, Brown, Bitney, Stovall, Ewer, Simons, questions witnesses. Carroll South from Board of Investments answered some questions.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 260 - 500}

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 378}

Closing by Sponsor: Speaker Mercer closed HB 109.

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{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 378 - 500}

HEARING ON HB 153

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Hedges, HD 97 introduced HB 153. **EXHIBIT** (buh08a06) **EXHIBIT** (buh08a07)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 40}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Michelotti, Board of Funeral Directors **EXHIBIT** (buh08a08)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 40 - 70}

Steve Yeakel, Ex. Director of Montana Funeral Directors

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 70 - 110}

Opponents' Testimony:

John Anderson, owner of 7 funeral homes.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 228}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Trexler, Ewer, Masolo, Sliter, Tuss, Bookout and Simon question witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 228 - 500}

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 100}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Hedges closed HB 153.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 126}

HEARING ON HB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Matthews, HD 4 introduced HB 171.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 126 - 156}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditor's Office.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 156 - 196}

Mark Baker, American Council of Life Insurers.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 196 - 202}

Irene Thuerer, AARP

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 202 - 208}

Al Pontrelli, Montana Assn of Life Insurers.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 208 - 220}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Matthews closed HB 153.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 220 - 232}

HEARING ON HB 140

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Pavlovich HD 37 introduced HB 140.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 232 - 261}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jerry LaChere, Montana Lottery Commissioner.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 261 - 300}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Lawson, Bookout, Matthews, Sliter, McKenney, Masolo, Ewer, Brown and Simon questions witness.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 300 - 500}

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 102}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Pavlovich closed HB 140.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 102 - 118}

HEARING ON HB 179

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Sliter, HD 76, introduced HB 179.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 118 - 142}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Hill, Montana Dept of Labor

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 142 - 237}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Pavlovich, Stovall, Bookout, Ewer, Brown, Juneau question witnesses.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 237 - 396}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Sliter closed HB 179.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 396 - 500}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 171

Motion/Vote: REP. MATTHEWS moved that HB 171 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 12}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 109

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that HB 109 DO PASS.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12 - 17}

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that HB 109 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 48}

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that HB 109 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 48 - 57}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 140

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that HB 140 DO PASS.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 57 - 62}

Motion/Vote: REP. EWER moved that HB 140 BE AMENDED. Motion passed 16-2 with Juneau and Pavlovich voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 62 - 126}

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that HB140 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion failed 5-13 with Juneau, McKenney, Pavlovich, Squires, and Stovall voting aye.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 126 - 128}

Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. TREXLER made a substitute motion that HB 140 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 128 - 196}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179

Motion: REP. SLITER moved that HB 179 DO PASS.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 196 - 203}

Motion/Vote: REP. EWER moved that HB 179 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 203 - 228}

Motion: REP. SLITER moved that HB 179 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 228 - 238}

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that HB 179 BE AMENDED. Motion failed 5-13 with Barnett, Bookout-Reinicke, Juneau, Pavlovich, and Squires voting aye.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 238 - 400}

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that HB 179 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 15-3 with Barnett, Bookout-Reinicke, and Pavlovich voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 480}

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh08aad)